THE RIGHTEOUS MANS EVIDENCE FOR HEAVEN:

OR

A Treatiſe ſhewing how every one, while he lives here, may certainly know what ſhall become of him after his departure out of this life.

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Pſal. 107. [illegible] Who is wiſe, that he may obſerve theſe things? for they ſhall underſtand the loving kindneſſe of the Lord.

2 *Pet.* 1. [illegible] Give all diligence to make your calling and election ſure: for if ye do theſe things ye ſhall never fall.

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[illegible] Church-[illegible]
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to deale wiſely with it, though not (as the Egyptians) cruelly to murther it, yet at leaſt (as *Moſes* his Parents) charitably to hide it, for my own private uſe: or at the beſt, to have put it to Nurſe in an obſcure Countrey village, where my ſelf am Paſtor, to ſee the good uſage of it; for which end I betruſted a friend or two for the printing of ſome few copies onely for my ſelf, but through friendſhip I was deceived. For whereas I expected a ſmall number, like the children of *Iſrael*, that went againſt *Benhadad* like two little flocks of Kids, my books were ſent forth in multitudes, like the *Aramites*, that filled the countrey, 1 *Kings* 20, 27. Onely this

thou mayeſt reap ſome profit hereby, I have both my deſire, and full contentment. Farewell.

Thine in the bond of
Faith and Love,
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be ſaved: which is as great preſumption, as if a man being ſicke [illegible] the heart ſhould thinke himſelfe very well, and in no danger of death. Others, when they come to apprehend the heavy wrath of God, and deadly curſe of the Law, due vnto them [illegible] for ſinne, in [illegible] utterly deſpaire. [illegible] Chriſtians alſo [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible], they are ready to faint, for feare of hell and condemnation: [illegible] they cannot [illegible] ſhipwrack againſt [illegible] of Deſperation, [illegible] Barke may be ſo ſhattered and beaten againſt it, [illegible] peradventure

fore the breath be once out of thy body; afterwards though thou wouldſt [illegible] give a thouſand worlds for it, it cannot be had: conſider againe of the uncertainty of thy life, thou canſt not tell whether thou ſhalt be alive to morrow, for thou knoweſt not what a day may bring forth. Conſider alſo the certainty of thy death: die thou muſt, nothing ſurer; for who can ſtand againſt the power thereof? and, oh how bitter is the remembrance of death to him that is not aſſured of his ſalvation! Further, conſider how terrible the Judgement day will be to all ſuch as get not the aſſurance of their ſalvation in their life time: which way will they turne themſelves then? Oh what

Pro. 17. 1.

will

ſures, wherewith their hearts ſhall be raviſhed, and for ever more repleniſhed? upon these conſiderations I earneſtly requeſt thee, if thou haſt any pity or commiſeration to thy poor ſoul, Make thy calling and election ſure, even while it is called to day. *How ſhall I do that, thou wilt ſay? This briefe Treatiſe will ſhew thee how: yea, (more than that, hereby thou mayeſt be aſſured of thy ſalvation, if thou uſe it rightly; but then thou muſt go thorow it with good adviſement: if thou touch the Hony-comb with thy lips, thou mayeſt finde ſweetneſſe, but if thou ſucke, much more. So read these things as to learne them, ſo learne as to know thy owne eſtate thereby, ſo mayeſt thou ſuck out the whole ſweetneſſe*

A Treatiſe of [illegible]: wherein are
- Signes propounded
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1 Pet.4.11. Eph.4.29. ſhould *ſpeake as the words of God*, and that *ſuch communication* ſhould *proceed out of our mouthes as is good for the uſe of edifying*: give me leave therefore to propound a queſtion to you about theſe matters.

Convert. Sir I like the motion paſſing well, and indeed there is too little of this good practice in theſe days, Chriſtian communication growes too much out of uſe, which ſhews the want and ſcarcitie of grace: For there is the like correſpondence betweene the heart and tongue that is between the Bell and Clapper; if the Bell be ſtirred, the Clapper cannot lie ſtill; and if the heart be moved with delight in ſpirituall things,

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ly, which I prove thus; *that beleeveth* (saith our S viour) *shall be saved, bu that beleeveth not, shall damned.* This must ever one know as an undoubte truth; and withall he bound to know whether h beleeveth according to th charge of the Apostle, *Exa mine your selves whether yo be in the Faith: know you no that Christ is in you, excep you be reprobates?* Hereupo it wil follow, that every on must know whether he sha be saved, and therefore such as put their soules to a venture, cannot be saved, for asmuch as they take not the right course, appointed by God thereto, namely, to prove whether they be in the faith, and Christ in

2 Cor. 13. 5.

them.

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2 Cor. 1.
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he ſhall be ſaved, ſhall
die in that comfort
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Rev. 21. 8. burning lake for ever
death.

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now adayes; but to deal
ſoundly, and conſider ſin
cerely with themſelves
whether they have receive
theſe golden markes and
love-tokens of God, or whe
ther they ſtill retaine the
black brand of the Devill
which they were born with
the which ſo long as they
remaine on them, the Prince
of darkneſs owns them: bu
1 Cor. 6. 11. if they can get it *waſhed* ou
by the blood of Chriſt, an
God

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whereby they may
that they ſhall be ſave
even in their practice
being thus *ſick of love*) Cant. 2. 5.
ing, and labouring
Chriſt, is a ſure ſign
them, though they ſhou
have no other: but inde
this cannot go alone.

Queſt. How comes it the
to paſs, that they take n
notice of in themſelves
but rather feare that they
ſhall not be ſaved?

Anſw. Becauſe they are c
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Chriſt, and therefore bein
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alive, yet have not as ye
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they are alive, which not
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Psal.88.
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Phil.1.8.
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look as in the twi-light
day-break, the little
[illegible] there is
[illegible]
with much darkness
[illegible]

Psal. 119.

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Rom. [illegible] God, therefo

[illegible] Jeſus Chriſt o

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between
worldly
and godly
ſorrow.
Gen.4.13.

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of [illegible] Lord, as an abo [illegible] but [illegible] is practicall [illegible] es of [illegible] know Ch [illegible]

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The eighth sign of salvation taken out of Rom. 8. 28.

Heb. 6. 12.

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Rom. 1.

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The twelfth ſigne of ſalvation, taken out of Peter [illegible]

Prov. 14. 13.

Six notes of true joy.

Rom. 5.12.

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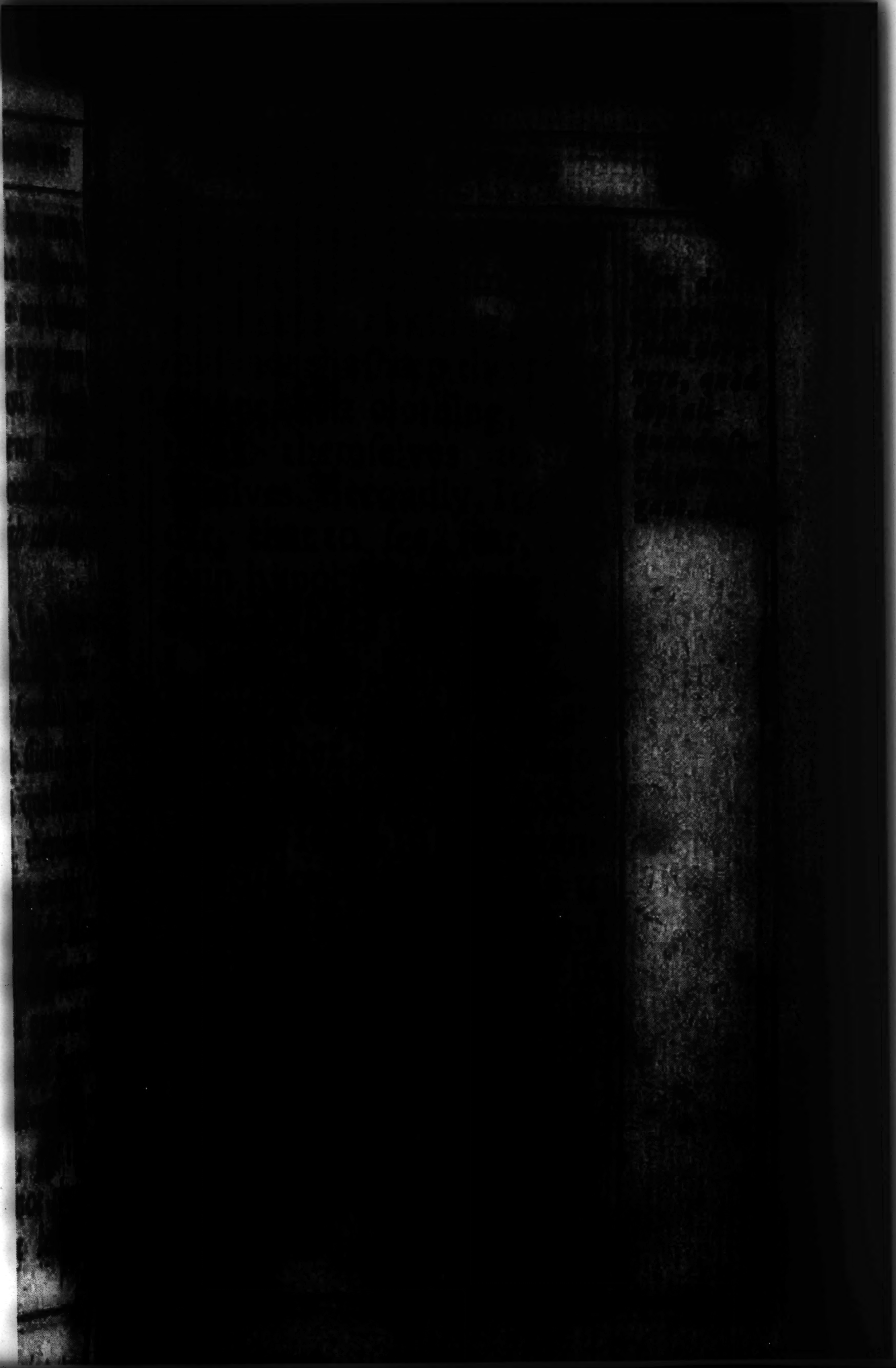

1 Theſ. 5.
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to the [illegible] fowing of him; he would not leave me in hell fire, why then ſhould I leave him in the heat of temptation, or in the cold bleak winds of affliction? Well, I am *confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun the good work in me, will performe it untill the day of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

Phil. 1. 6.

[illegible]. What is the reaſon which doth perplex your minde,

Doubting of preſuming, anſwered.

[illegible], I am now and then grievouſly afraid that I doe [illegible] preſuming [illegible] [illegible] y Chriſt, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I doe not grieve enough

till I finde that I grieve enough for my ſins: this were to ſet the cart before the horſe, inaſmuch as godly ſorrow for ſin proceeds from faith: therefore I muſt not ſtay to believe till I finde more godly ſorrow, but I muſt believe more, that I may grieve more for my ſins, for the more faith, the more godly ſorrow. Thirdly [illegible] hath been [illegible] humbled in the fearfull ſight of my ſins, and a ſenſe of the heavie load thereof, then I ſhould [illegible] If I [illegible] I ſee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as little [illegible]

their fill; for they indeed presum[illegible]

[illegible]. I like and approve [illegible] of this that you say: [illegible] let me hear if there be [illegible]ny further matter which [illegible] doubting in you.

Doubting because of evil thoughts, answered.

Cons. Evil thoughts and [illegible]ations are no small [illegible] to me: for never [illegible] the Land of Egypt more [illegible] with noysome ver[illegible], than I am with foul, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] me (1 [illegible]
[illegible] with my [illegible]
how, or which way th[illegible]
ſhould ſo weep in y[illegible]
[illegible] and aſtoniſh me, [illegible]
[illegible] choak and in[illegible]
[illegible]

almoſt full of hell:) how do you to recover ſtrength, and to get the victory over him?

Con. Strong he is indeed, but *greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world.* Firſt, therefore I confeſs, that I doe not love, like, and approve of theſe evil thoughts, wherewith I am ſo cumbred, nay, I [illegible] them as the Devil himſelf; (tho' when they are [illegible]

[illegible]

1 Joh. 4.4.

[illegible] for ſo long I [illegible] with them, [illegible] which already [illegible]. And like as *Jacob* [illegible] not to wreſtle, though [illegible] thigh was unjoynted, till he [illegible] bleſſing; ſo neither [illegible] till I have got the [illegible]. Thirdly, I know that the Lord will not be [illegible] with me for theſe [illegible] thoughts which I take [illegible]

Gen. 32. 26.

affection of the tenderest hearted mother in the world towards her dearest babe; yet though a mother could *forget the child of her womb, yet would not he forget you, saith the Lord*. [illegible] Now a little more: I pray you let us hear of Satans deep subtilty and hellish policie, in labouring to delude you of all your [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

Isa. 49.15.

Doubting because of afflictions, answered.

[illegible] 101.18

[illegible] they swim up to the [illegible] rivers of oil, and [illegible] paths with butter: their breasts are full of milk, and their bones run full of marrow: their faces are [illegible] with fatness, and they have collops in their flanks; yea, their eyes stand out for fatness, and they have more than heart can wish: yea their very heart is fat as grease: they are so fat fed [illegible] that they lift up their heels against their keeper, and will [illegible]

[illegible]

Job.20.6.
Job.21.24.
& 15.27.
Psal.73.7.
Pl.119.70.
Job 21.14.
Psa.73.12.

Pſ. 73. 24.

Pſal. 73. 2.

[illegible]

Job. 21. 9.

[illegible]

thorow a narrow ſtumbling, [illegible] or Corporati- on; [illegible] well, why it is that the wicked doe ſo proſ- per, and fare ſo well; for why do men ſet up their Oxen a fatting? is it not againſt the day of ſlaughter? ſo the Wicked are reſerved to the day of deſtruction, they ſhall be brought forth unto the day of wrath: the [illegible] of God are [illegible] at hard Commons, but they have their keeping of [illegible] coſt. The wicked are e- ſtranged from the womb, [illegible] of Gods houſe- [illegible]

Job.21.30.

Pſal. 58.3.

[illegible] out in time of
affliction without the law
of God [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] him: for they [illegible] of discretion can [illegible] father loves the [illegible] never the worse for [illegible] thus, but the better; [illegible] this very dealing of [illegible]d towards me is an evi[illegible] taken of his love unto [illegible] the Lord [illegible] and scourg[illegible] whom he re[illegible]

Heb. 12.6. 7.

[illegible]

the bitternesse of it, *as God* [illegible] *hath therefore* [illegible] whereof I doe but [illegible] a little of the [illegible]: but seeing Christ my Saviour hath begun to mee herein, as a thankfull pledge of his love, [illegible] to his [illegible]: which is also a cup of Gods own tempering, and therefore very good and wholesome, though not [illegible] I have [illegible] go into the [illegible] one [illegible] A [illegible]

Mat.20.23

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life at all times, and upon all occaſions. Now ſeeing afflictions are thus ſweetned to us, properly to ſpeak, they deſerve no worſe name than bitter-ſweets, whether we reſpect inward diſtreſſes, or outwards calamities. And indeed the Lord lays more on ſome than he doth upon others, and more on us at one time than at another: he [illegible] [illegible] heart-[illegible] [illegible] other will [illegible] [illegible] we cannot live well [illegible] with godly ſorrow [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]

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would break forth into dan-
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[illegible] thus he works a
miracle upon us, turning the
ſerpent ſin into the rod of
affliction, as Moſes his rod
was turned. Alas how rea- Exod. 4.4.
dy are we to ruſh out af-
[illegible] after theſe earthly
things, to ſet our affections
too much upon them, and
to be taken up [illegible]
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in the things here [illegible]
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Heb. 9. 17.

Rom. 3.

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2 Cor. 5. 8.

[illegible]

1 Pet. 1

I evidently perceive all [illegible] [illegible]. It rejoyceth me not a little to finde you so well provided for the Lord. Oh happy [illegible] that you are in [illegible]

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